

Continuous Cruisers' Research - Information Sheet

Summary of the project

This research project, part-funded by the UK Socio-Legal Studies Association, uses qualitative research methods like interviews to look at the everyday lives of house boat residents and how home is perceived. However, we stress that we are working independently of the Canal and Rivers Trust and, if you choose to participate in the research, we guarantee that your participation will be both confidential and any information provided will be held anonymously so no person can be identified.

Resident interviews

In this part of the project, we are seeking to discuss experiences around living on houseboats with at least 30 residents. We are recruiting research participants in a variety of ways, including asking you to make contact with us if you wish to be involved in the research.

We would like to talk to you about how you view home when living on a house boat.

Research Ethics

The research is being conducted in accordance with the ethical standards of the Socio-Legal Studies Association and the University of Bristol. This means that the identity of each of our participants and you, if you decide to participate, will be anonymised at the time of transcription; all data will be retained by the researchers for the purposes of this research. We will seek to anonymise all our data in published work, but we may include quotations from our interviews. Your interview will not be disclosed to the Canal and River Trust at any stage and the researchers will ensure that your identity will not be disclosed either. There are only limited instances where our code requires us to breach confidentiality, such as if you admit to a criminal offence in the course of our discussion.

Consent

Each participant will be asked to sign a consent form prior to the interview acknowledging that they understand the ambit of the project, and they may withdraw their involvement from the project.

Contact Details

The researchers are Dave Cowan and Barbara Hardy. They can be contacted on **07967653564** or d.s.cowan@bristol.ac.uk to arrange the interview.